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Secret Dealing Described by NSA Officers

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Officers of the National Student Association said yesterday that the Central Intelligence Agency recruited agents from the student organization's top echelons over a period of 14 years.

These officers, who declined to be quoted by name, also asserted that the CIA placed other student leaders from their group in posts with private foundations that serve as conduits for CIA-sponsored activities.

None of the NSA sources would divulge the names of the past presidents and other high-ranking officers of the organization who had joined the CIA's ranks after one or two years' service with NSA—the largest student group in the country.

"Every year," one NSA source said, "the CIA picked out a man or two that it could trust and told them about the undercover funding" of the student organization. Some of these young men would later join the CIA, often acting as liaison agents to the student group.

In some years, according to student officers, the CIA contribution to NSA has run close to \$400,000 annually — about half the student organization's budget in those years.

Few Knew of Role

The CIA's hand-picked student leaders, all in their early 20s at the time of their recruitment, were sworn to secrecy under the CIA's charter. Since the early 1950s, when the link with the CIA was formed, fewer than 100 student leaders knew of the intelligence agency's role in a group whose ranks run in the many thousands.

Yesterday, the NSA convened an emergency meeting of its ten-member National Supervisory Board in an effort to deal with the crisis. An NSA spokesman said the group would issue no further statements until its full governing body confers here today.

In the wake of the controversy, serious consideration was being given to folding the 20-year-old NSA and to restructuring the student group under a new name and a new charter.

Some NSA officials also favored speedily removing the group from its headquarters at 2115 S st. nw., which NSA uses under a 15-year rent-free agreement through funds ultimately provided by the CIA through Boston's Independence Foundation.

President Disappears

The scene at NSA's national headquarters yesterday was one of total dismay that verged at times on panic. W. Eugene Groves, 23, NSA's current president, read a statement several times for the television cameras and then disappeared.

"Where's Gene?" an attractive NSA staff member attired

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